

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An image generating apparatus comprising:
a storage section for storing a plurality of frame information; [[and]]
an information generating section for generating static image information indicating a static image based on the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section, wherein the plurality of frame information is information indicating a plurality of frames representing a static image taken during a predetermined exposure period, and the information has been corrected by setting a number of virtual pixels included in each of the plurality of frames to be larger than a number of actual pixels included in an image pickup plane of an image pickup element in accordance with an amount of shaking motion between the plurality of frames, and wherein the number of virtual pixels is set based on a ratio of a predetermined actual pixel size to the amount of shaking motion between the plurality of frames [[,]] ; and
a resolution changing section for changing a set resolution of the plurality of frames in accordance with the amount of shaking motion, wherein [[a]] the set resolution is reduced to [[the]] a predetermined resolution, after which, a frame rate for taking the plurality of frames is increased.
2. (previously presented) The image generating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information generating section generates the static image information by simultaneously calculating the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section.
3. (previously presented) The image generating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information generating section generates the static image information by sequentially calculating each of the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section.

4. (previously presented) The image generating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of frame information are generated based on a summation of information indicating a plurality of actual pixels included in the image pickup plane of the image pickup element in at least one of a horizontal direction and a vertical direction.

5. (currently amended) An image pickup apparatus for taking a static image during a predetermined exposure period, comprising:

a shaking motion detecting section for detecting an amount of shaking motion between a plurality of frames representing the static image;

a shaking motion correcting section for correcting a plurality of frame information indicating the plurality of frames by setting a number of virtual pixels included in each of the plurality of frames to be larger than a number of actual pixels included in an image pickup plane of an image pickup element in accordance with the detected amount of the shaking motion,

wherein the number of virtual pixels is set based on a ratio of a predetermined actual pixel size to the amount of shaking motion between the plurality of frames;

a storage section for storing the plurality of frame information subjected to the correction of the shaking motion; [[and]]

an information generating section for generating static image information indicating the static image based on the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section [[,]]; and

a resolution changing section for changing a set resolution of the plurality of frames in accordance with the amount of shaking motion,

wherein [[a]] the set resolution is reduced to [[the]] a predetermined resolution, after which, a frame rate for taking the plurality of frames is increased.

6. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the information generating section generates the static image information by simultaneously calculating the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section.

7. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the information generating section generates the static image information by sequentially calculating each of the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section.

8. (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a frame rate changing section for changing the frame rate in accordance with the amount of the shaking motion, wherein the frame rate indicates the number of the plurality of frames representing the static image taken per unit time.

10. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a resolution changing section for changing a resolution of the plurality of frames in accordance with a brightness.

11. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising a resolution changing section for changing a resolution of the plurality of frames in accordance with a zoom ratio.

12. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein: the shaking motion detecting section detects the amount of the shaking motion based on a summation of information indicating a plurality of pixels included in the image pickup plane of the image pickup element, and

the shaking motion correcting section corrects the plurality of frame information by cutting out a part of the plurality of frame information in accordance with the amount of the shaking motion.

13. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the shaking motion detecting section detects the amount of the shaking motion based not on information generated based on a plurality of pixels included in the image pickup plane of the image pickup element.

14. (previously presented) The image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a determining section for determining whether or not the predetermined exposure time is greater than a predetermined value, and

wherein, when it is determined that the predetermined exposure time is greater than the predetermined value, the shaking motion detecting section detects the amount of the shaking motion based on a summation of information indicating a plurality of pixels included in the image pickup plane of the image pickup element.

15. (currently amended) An image pickup method for taking a static image during a predetermined exposure period, comprising the steps of:

detecting an amount of shaking motion between a plurality of frames representing the static image;

changing a set resolution of the plurality of frames in accordance with the amount of shaking motion;

reducing [[a]] the set resolution to a predetermined resolution, after which, increasing a frame rate for taking the plurality of frames;

correcting a plurality of frame information indicating the plurality of frames by setting a number of virtual pixels included in each of the plurality of frames to be larger than a number of actual pixels included in an image pickup plane of an image pickup element in accordance with the detected amount of the shaking motion,

wherein the number of virtual pixels is set based on a ratio of a predetermined actual pixel size to the amount of shaking motion between the plurality of frames;

storing the plurality of frame information subjected to the correction of the shaking motion; and

generating static image information indicating the static image based on the plurality of frame information stored in the storage section.